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Course Information

Lecture Courses

Main Campus:
- SOCI2300-01 Intro to Sociology  
  MW 8:00am – 9:15am CHARTS room 223
- SOCI2300-03 Intro to Sociology  
  MW 9:25am – 10:40am CHARTS room 210
- SOCI2300-05 Intro to Sociology  
  MW 10:50am – 12:05pm BTC 239

Online:
- SOCI2300-60 Intro to Sociology
- SOCI2333-60 Social Problems

Catalog Description

3 Credit Hours

Social Problems ACTS# 2013

The application of sociological principles to the investigation of major social problems currently faced by societies is the focus of this course.

PREREQUISITE: SOCI 2300 with a grade of “C” or better.
Course Materials

Required textbooks:


Mission Statement

University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College provides access to high-quality education that promotes student learning and enables individuals to develop to their fullest potential.

Institutional Learning Outcomes and General Education

UA-PTC supports a college-wide institutional learning assessment program which concerns effective instructional methods and promotes student learning achievement by assessing:

1. Communication
2. Critical Thinking
3. Cultural Awareness
4. Information Literacy
5. Professionalism
6. Quantitative Literacy
7. Technology Literacy

For more information, please consult the following website: [https://uaptc.edu/sla](https://uaptc.edu/sla)

Department / Program Learning Outcomes

The Behavior Science course selections create specific learning opportunities toward the following objectives:
1. Demonstrate a critical understanding of the major questions, concepts, ethical issues and methodologies that inform the field.
2. Advance Human Rights and Social Justice
3. Engage in practice-informed research and research-informed practice
4. Engage with and assess practices concerning individuals, families, groups, organizations, and communities.

Student Learning / Course Outcomes

**SOCI 2016 Social Problems**

**General Description:**
The application of sociological principles to the investigation of major social problems currently faced by societies.
Expected Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Students will be able to identify and describe the relationship between private problems and public issues.

2. Students will demonstrate their ability to describe the major sociological theories of social problems and describe how social problems are socially constructed.

3. Students will be able to demonstrate understanding between myths and facts in relation to social problems through critical thinking and research.

Policies

Report a Complaint or Concern

UA-PTC takes very seriously complaints and concerns regarding the institution. Most complaints or concerns of a specific nature should be initiated and resolved at the campus level through normal college processes whenever possible. UA - Pulaski Technical College receives and resolves complaints using a variety of methods. To report a complaint or concern, please follow the link below.

https://www.uaptc.edu/report-a-concern-complaint

UA-PTC Attendance Policy

Education at UA-PTC requires students’ active involvement in the learning process. Thus, students are expected to attend all classes and actively engage in all learning assignments and/or opportunities provided in their classes. Class attendance should be treated as mandatory by all students as attendance will be taken by all instructors during the first two weeks of class. Additionally, a written policy on student attendance that is tied to course objectives and included in a course syllabus will be provided for each course by instructors.

If you are absent on the day of a scheduled exam, you must inform me of your absence on the day of the absence (or before) or you will not be allowed to make up the examination. In other words I must receive an email or voicemail from you on the day of the test.

Course Policies

The UA-PTC Catalog rules and regulations will be enforced in this course at all times.

Please consult the following website for more information: http://www.uaptc.edu/catalog

Professional behavior is required. Punctual attendance and intelligent participation are expected. Particulars as determined by the instructor are detailed in the paragraph below.

Appropriate behavior is expected for all communications, including any notes, email messages, or telephone conversations. Some guidelines for communication are included in this syllabus to help you.
Grading Policy

Letter grades will be based on the following scale:

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Exam 1: 100 points
Exam 2: 100 points
Exam 3: 100 points
Discussion boards: 100 points
Research paper: 100 points
Final Exam: 100 points
Total: 600 points

Exams: Four exams (100 points each). Exams will be administered on Blackboard and will consist of multiple-choice questions.

Discussions: There will be a total of 10 discussions throughout the course that are required. Each discussion is worth 10 points for a total of 100 points. Postings to discussions should be at least five college level sentences long.

Bonus points will be available by responding to more than 10 discussions. Any points earned on these extra discussions will be added to your overall point total. Extra credit work, such as extra exams or extra research paper, is not an option.

Research Paper: (100 points) The research paper will involve identifying a social problem and applying social theory/theories to explain the causes and possible for solutions for the social problem.

* Instructors have one week to provide feedback and post grades for all assignments unless otherwise noted by a departmental policy that has been approved by the Dean of the School.

In an online class, eligibility for Financial Aid is based on student participation. Logging into the course does not constitute participation. For purposes of roster certification, students must complete a gradable attendance artifact.

Academic Integrity

It is expected that all students who attend UA-PTC conduct themselves in a manner appropriate for the college experience. Academic integrity is a vital component of collegiate behavior. The

The catalogue also states, “The responsibility and authority of initiating discipline arising from violations of the rules against dishonesty during the process of the course are vested in the instructor of that course.”

The complete Academic Integrity Policy is in the UA-PTC code of conduct.

**Accommodation Policy**

Services for Students with Disabilities: UA-PTC is committed to fulfilling all federal requirements as stated in the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and the American with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADAAA) of 2008. Accommodations are available to students who have documented disabilities. Students who request accommodations must register with the Disability Services Office (Main Campus: 501-812-2738 or South Campus: 501-812-2862) and must provide current and relevant documentation.

Students requesting accommodations should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course or as soon as accommodations are approved. It is the student's responsibility to provide their Accommodation Letter to the instructor. Accommodations are not retroactive and will only be provided once your instructor receives the Accommodation Letter.

**Student Code of Conduct**

All students are expected to abide by the UA-PTC Student Code of Conduct. For the full Student Code of Conduct, access the most current version of the UA-PTC Academic Catalog. [http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2017-18-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=a08a3038_2](http://uaptc.azurewebsites.net/docs/default-source/course-catalog/2017-18-academic-catalog.pdf?sfvrsn=a08a3038_2)

**Sexual Misconduct**

No person at Pulaski Technical College will, on the basis of gender, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be subjected to sex discrimination, sexual harassment or sexual misconduct under any education program or activity. All college administrative policies and procedures regarding sex discrimination, sexual harassment, and sexual misconduct are in compliance with Title IX. Students who feel they are victims of sexual misconduct should contact the UA-PTC Title IX Deputy Coordinator for Students:

Michelle Anderson, Director of Student Life and Leadership
Campus Center Building Room 216
501-812-2756
manderson@uaptc.edu

**Course Evaluations**

Students may be asked to evaluate their instructor and course near the end of the semester. These student evaluations are very important to the improvement in the quality of instruction.
and course materials. All results are anonymous and shared with the faculty only after the semester is over and grades have been posted.

**Information Literacy**

UA-PTC is committed to the Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education as established by the Association of College and Research Libraries and endorsed by the National Forum on Information Literacy. Therefore, all courses will incorporate an information literacy component so that, by graduation, all students will be able to recognize the need for information, then locate, evaluate, synthesize, and communicate information in an ethical manner. Information literacy encompasses critical thinking, research, media, technology, health, business, and visual literacy skills to produce lifelong learners who can make informed decisions in the workplace and in their personal lives.

**Tentative Course Schedule**

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**Final Exam Schedule:**

The final exam is scheduled for the week of May 6 - 10

Disclaimer: This schedule is a guide for the semester. The instructor reserves the right to amend the schedule as necessary.
Course Agreement Form

Read, complete, and return to instructor:

I have read the course syllabus for Bobby Myers’s Introduction to Sociology class at Pulaski Technical College, and I understand its content. I also understand the rules for the class, and I will follow and abide by these rules, including those relating to attendance, assignments, grading criteria, plagiarism, and behavior.

Semester

Date

Print name

Signature

UA-UA-PTC Email address

Telephone